



NAVAL HOSPITAL LEMOORE AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

29 August 2014, Naval Hospital Lemoore has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in ambulatory care and behavioral health organizations. The accreditation award recognizes Naval Hospital Lemoore's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards.

Naval Hospital Lemoore underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey 30 June to 3 July 2014. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the hospital for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Since 1975, The Joint Commission has developed state-of-the-art standards for outpatient ambulatory care organizations. Nearly 1,900 freestanding ambulatory care organizations maintain Joint Commission accreditation.

"Organizations that strive for accreditation in ambulatory care from The Joint Commission are demonstrating the highest commitment to quality and safety to their patients, staff and their community," says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "I commend Naval Hospital Lemoore for successfully achieving this pinnacle and for its dedication to continually improving patient care."

"We recognize Joint Commission accreditation as the Gold Seal for providing safe, high quality patient care. Achieving accreditation from The Joint Commission is a team effort that we are thrilled to share with our patients. The Joint Commission's requirement for perpetual readiness also gives us a framework to provide the best care possible," says CAPT Cynthia Gantt, Commanding Officer, and Naval Hospital Lemoore.

The Joint Commission's ambulatory care standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of an ambulatory care organization. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Naval Hospital Lemoore has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for the people they serve," says Tracy Griffin Collander, LCSW, executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission. "Behavioral Health accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Naval Hospital Lemoore for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

CAPT Gantt also said, "With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis from the top down. Joint Commission accreditation provides us a framework to take our organization to the next level and helps create the culture necessary in a high reliability organization. Achieving Joint Commission accreditation, for our organization, is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

The Joint Commission's behavioral health care standards address important functions relating to the care of individuals served and the management of behavioral health care organizations. The standards are developed in consultation with behavioral health care experts, providers, measurement experts, individuals served and their families.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 10,600 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,600 other health care organizations that provide long term care, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also certifies more than 2,400 disease-specific care programs such as stroke, heart failure, joint replacement and stroke rehabilitation, and 400 health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org